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Dear Chairman Michael K. Powell:

As a broadcast TV viewer and consumer of electronics and computer products, I ask the Federal Communications Commission to vote against the adoption of a "broadcast flag."

The broadcast flag concept is ludicrous as it will stop me from doing things which I currently enjoy with analog broadcast television. It will restrict my ability to move the video I have recorded for personal viewing from room-to-room and place-to-place. I am a business owner and employer of over 100 people. My time is largely controlled by the needs of my business, so I enjoy the flexibility of recording a show and watching it later when and where I wish.

The broadcast flag will restrain me from using my computer as a way to watch shows using my choice of software on a plane or train, or to send along a television clip of something I wish to share with my family and friends. This is "free", public TV and I want to retain the right to view it and share it as I wish.

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